

# House Resolution 6 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

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1 A Resolution recognizing February 17, 2017, as the  
2 175th anniversary of Iowa Wesleyan University.

3 WHEREAS, in the 1840s, the frontier community  
4 of Mount Pleasant was zealous for culture and  
5 concerned for the educated person, and the Territorial  
6 Legislature, being aware of the need for schools, on  
7 February 17, 1842, granted a charter for the Mount  
8 Pleasant Literary Institute in Henry County; and

9 WHEREAS, one year later, on or before March 8, 1843,  
10 twenty-six men from Mount Pleasant signed Articles  
11 of Association for the purpose of erecting the Mount  
12 Pleasant Collegiate Institute, under the charge of the  
13 Methodist Episcopal Church; and

14 WHEREAS, Iowa Wesleyan University proudly continues  
15 its affiliation with the United Methodist Church and is  
16 recognized as Iowa's first independent, faith-based,  
17 coeducational institution of higher learning and one  
18 of the oldest of its type west of the Mississippi  
19 River; and

20 WHEREAS, today, Iowa Wesleyan University has grown  
21 into a top-tier university in the Midwest region of  
22 the United States and serves students of all ages  
23 and cultures and provides numerous educational,  
24 cultural, and athletic opportunities for personal and  
25 professional growth; and

26 WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant, along with the state  
27 of Iowa, is home to its university of 175 years and  
28 proudly celebrates the incredible and lasting legacy of

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1 one of the nation's most historic universities; and  
2 WHEREAS, Iowa Wesleyan University is an innovator  
3 among private colleges in embracing the expansion of  
4 quality, flexible graduate and professional programs  
5 as a way to meet our economy's need for an ever more  
6 sophisticated and well-prepared workforce in the region  
7 of southeast Iowa and beyond; NOW THEREFORE,  
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
9 That the House of Representatives recognizes February  
10 17, 2017, as the 175th anniversary of Iowa Wesleyan  
11 University.